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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons.

Members present: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Jacobsen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, October 28, 2015, meeting.

The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair placed the committee at ease, the time being 10:35 a.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order, the time being 11:06 a.m.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

SB 571 (Kowall)	Campaign finance; committees; definition of commingled and connected organization; provide for and modify provisions relating to those connected organizations.
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Senator Kowall explained his bill to the Committee.

Kieron Marion, representing the Secretary of State's Office, submitted a card with a neutral position on SB 571, and was available to testify if needed.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of the bill but did not wish to speak:

Rusty Merchant, representing the Michigan Corn Growers.

Peter Ruddell, representing the United States Steel.

Tiffany Hauser, representing AAA Michigan.

Jim Kirsch, representing AT&T.

Jim Holcomb, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Frank Foster, representing Dow Chemical and Detroit Thomas Edison.

Patricia Walerczyk, representing the Macomb County Chamber of Commerce.

Veronica Horn, representing the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce.
Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.
Katie A. Jones, representing Allstate Insurance Company/Michigan Allstate Political Action Committee.
Steve Japinga, representing the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce.
Andrew McLemore Jr., representing the Michigan Black Chamber of Commerce.
Andy Johnston, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Chair placed the committee at ease, the time being 11:10 a.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order, the time being 11:20 a.m.

The Chair laid the following bill before the committee:

HB 4724 (Lyons)	Elections; absent voters; definition of absent voter; expand to include an elector who applies in person at the clerk's office and who presents photo identification and expand the 100-foot rule to a clerk's office during the 45 days before an election.
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Representative Driskell offered and explained a substitute (H-1) to HB 4724.

Representative Irwin moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4724.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 3-5-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto.

Pass: None.

Representative Leutheuser moved to report HB 4724 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 5-0-3.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Kesto.

Nays: None.

Pass: Representatives Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:30 a.m.

Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair_____

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